There was a fall in rentals of Rs. 78,120 under arrack and Rs. 83,160 under beer in 1924–25 as compared with 1923–24. It is not possible to estimate how much of this is due to the experiment.

(c) & (d) The attention of the hon. Member is drawn to the answer to question No. 38.

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS IN RESPECT OF QUESTION No. 161—vide page 359 supra.

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—"May I have your permission to make a further supplementary answer with reference to question No. 161 in connexion with the convicts employed in certain jails doing scavenging work ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Yes."

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" The hon. Member who asked question No. 161 referred us to the Jail Manual which was not available and, in quoting it, he gave the House to understand that a certain section in the Manual provided that members of the depressed classes, whether or not they do menial services as part of their ordinary avocations, could be compelled to do such service in jail and could be punished if they did not do that work. I have since been able to get a copy of the rules and I find that rule 387 contains no direction of that sort. The rule says :

'In allotting labour reasonable allowance shall be made for caste prejudice, e.g., no Brahman or caste Hindu shall be employed in chuckler's work. Care shall however be taken that caste prejudice is not made an excuse for avoiding heavy forms of labour."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" I should like to point out that I read that section very well and in fact there was a slip in it and I do not find that slip read now by the hon. the Home Member. In that slip it was mentioned if members of scavenging classes are not available to do scavenging work, the members of the other depressed classes are bound to do that work. It was so mentioned by the Government themselves."

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" I made inquiries whether there was any correction slip and I find there was none. The slip, I think, must have been in my hon. Friend's memory."

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" May I, with your permission, put a supplementary question ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I understand the hon. Member was in his place when the question was being read and it was open to him to put a supplementary question then only, but he did not do so."

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" It was for that very reason that I asked for your permission. It will not take a long time."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It is not a very serious matter if I allow a supplementary question to be put now, but I am afraid it will be a bad precedent. However, the hon. Member had better put his supplemental question as a fresh question."